

ZFW



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 20, 2005  
SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

APPLICANT:	Birgit Küfner	DOCKET NO:	P03,0274
SERIAL NO.:	10/630,096	ART UNIT:	2646
FILED:	July 30, 2003	EXAMINER:	Harvey, Dionne
CONF. NO.:	8482		

**TITLE: HEARING AID DEVICE WITH A VOLTAGE SOURCE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant files the attached Declaration as a Supplemental Response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2005, which shows conception and diligence from a time prior to the filing date of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0186099 to Liu, et al., which was cited as a prior art reference in the Office Action.

This Declaration effectively removes Liu as a prior art reference. Inasmuch as each of the prior art rejections have been overcome by the previous response and the present Declaration, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bergner (Reg. No. 45,877)

Mark Bergner

SCHIFF HARDIN, LLP

PATENT DEPARTMENT

6600 Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois 60606-6473

(312) 258-5779

Attorney for Applicants

Customer Number 26574

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 25, 2005.

Mark Bergner